

Amendment to the Drawings:

Please amend Figure 16 to include the legend “PRIOR ART”. An annotated and a replacement sheet are provided in the Appendix which accompanies the paper.

REMARKS**A. Status of the Figures**

In this response, Applicant has amended claim 16 to include the legend “Prior Art” as requested by the Examiner. An annotated sheet and replacement sheet can be found in the Appendix to this paper.

B. Status of the Specification

Applicant has amended the paragraph beginning at line 15 on page 28 to correct a minor typographical error. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

C. Status of the Claims and Explanation of the Amendments

Claims 1 and 3-27 are allowed. The Examiner, however, has objected to the claims based on the various informalities, which have been corrected as detailed below:

(1) The typographical error “exuecution” has been corrected in claim 1.

(2) Claim 3 has been amended as suggested by the Office Action.

Additionally, the claim has been amended to correct a typographical error by removing the word “not” and now recites, *inter alia*, “wherein said front stage regulating member is biased toward said feeding means by a biasing structure which is formed so as ~~not~~ to generate pressure between said front stage regulating member and said feeding means when said feeding means moves to said second position.” Support for this amendment is found in the specification, at page 8, lines 14-19. Applicant believes that this amendment does not add new matter, and that the amendment obviates the objection set forth in the Office Action.

(3) Claims 4 and 19 have been amended to recite, *inter alia*, the term “biasing structure in conformance with claim 3. Additionally, the preposition “to” has been added to these two claims in various places to keep the verb tense parallel.

(4) In claim 5, the word “a” has been inserted between “along” and “straight”.

(5) In claim 6, the word “sightable” has been deleted.

(6) In claim 8, the parentheses have been removed from the fraction “ $(1/\tan\beta)$ ”.

(7) In claim 18, the term “sheet” has been replaced with the term “sheets”.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the claims and drawings are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

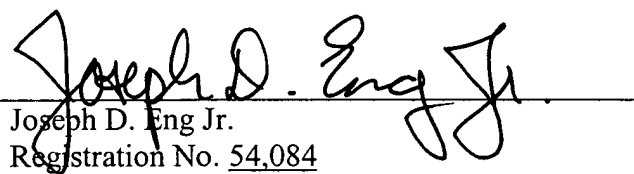
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 1232-5101. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 1232-5101. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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Appendix

Annotated and Replacement Drawings for Figure 16

PRIOR ART

FIG. 16A

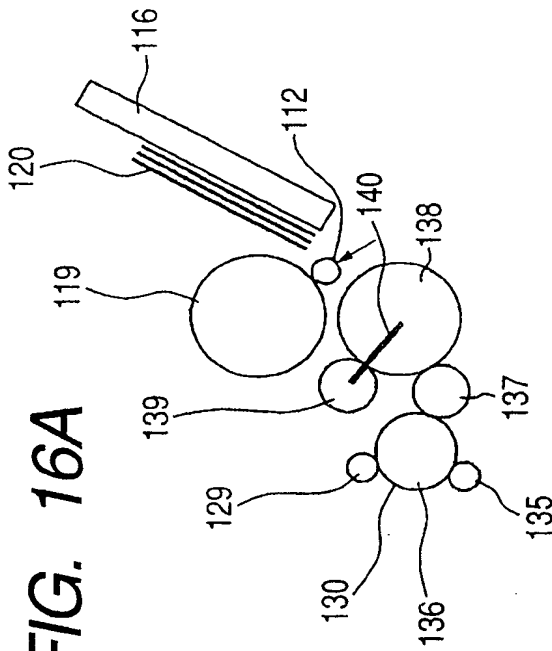


FIG. 16C

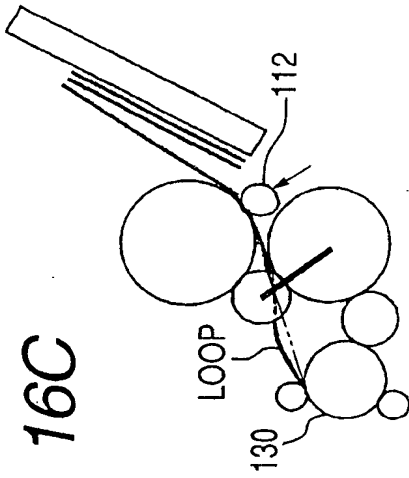


FIG. 16B

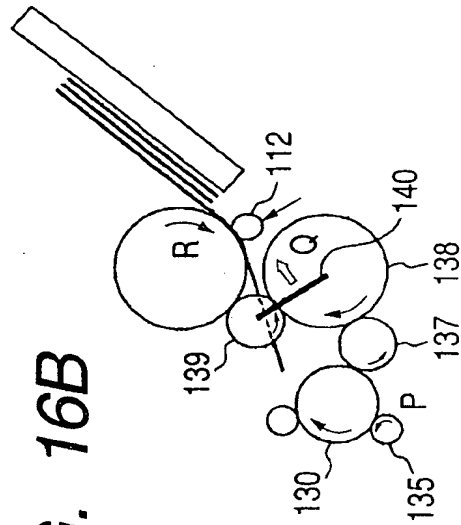


FIG. 16D

